

CHINESE TOLD TO HELP THEMSELVES

Blunt Words By American Aid Mission Chief.

VARIETY STARS TO COME HERE

A troupe of seven Hollywood stars, now performing in Manila, will visit Hong Kong next month before touring Chinese cities.

The stars are Don and Dolores, famous Hollywood ballet team, the two Stapletons from Ken Murray's "Blackouts," Bill Paxton, Joan Page and Murray Parker.

After a series of performances at the Manila Grand Opera House, the troupe will tour the provinces before leaving for Hong Kong.

The tour is being sponsored by the Far Eastern Entertainment Enterprises, Incorporated, the president of which is Miss Donna L. Murphy. The vice-president, who is also accompanying the troupe, is Miss Dolores Gregory.

TYphoon SIGNAL HOISTED

Typhoon signals were hoisted yesterday for the first time this year.

No. 1 signal ("A depression or typhoon exists which may possibly affect the locality") went up at 3:45 p.m. At 10:40 p.m. the Observatory hoisted No. 7 signal ("Gale expected from the north-east").

Although the Observatory expects strong winds, which may amount to gale force, today, there is no immediate threat to the Colony.

At 9 p.m. yesterday the storm, officially termed a tropical depression, was 280 miles south by west of Hong Kong, and was moving north-west at about 12 knots.

United Press yesterday afternoon reported the storm, which formed 500 miles east of southern Samar, a crossing northern Luzon.

The agency said winds of up to 40 m.p.h. were reported. In Hong Kong last night, with the wind strengthening, the highest velocity was 31 knots; small craft scurried for shelter though the Ferries were running as usual.

The Weather

At 9 p.m. H.K. Summer time the tropical depression was centred about 250 miles S by W of Hong Kong moving NW at 10 to 12 knots and intensifying. Pressure is high in a ridge extending from SE of Japan to Central and North China.

Today's Forecast—Fresh or strong easterly winds with rains in gale force. Cloudy with rain at times.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum 83.3 deg. F. Minimum 77.2 deg. F. Rainfall 6.6 mm. (0.27 in.) Total since Jan. 1—193.0 mm. (7.62 in.) against an average of 122.7 mm. (4.84 in.) Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m.

Barometric at m.s. 1010.8 mm. Equal 29.77 29.87 inches. Rel. Humidity 65% Dew Point 77 72 deg. F. Wind Direction... E by N E by N Wind Force 3 22 knots. Tides— Time Hl. Hl. 6108 4.8. 1114 7.8. 0447 8.4. Low 1534 0.8.

Athens, July 21. A British Naval squadron of 25 warships under Admiral Power arrived here today. Associated Press.

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Nanking Accused Of Not Making All-Out Effort

Nanking, July 22. Mr. Roger Lapham, chief of the ECA mission to China, speaking over the U.S. Army radio station today, bluntly told China to do more toward helping herself if she expects to get more American aid next year.

"It stands to reason," he said, "that if China expects our Congress to vote additional American aid next year, then China must do more on its own initiative to help itself than has been evident to date."

The white-haired former San Francisco Mayor virtually accused China of not making an all-out effort to build up its own economic strength.

He charged:

1—That China is not collecting revenues. "It might if the public was required to pay prices!" should for commodities and services..."

2—That Chinese farmers were subsidising big cities. "There are many in those cities," he said, "who could afford to pay more than they do in meeting their country's expenditures."

Mr. Lapham's remarks were directly contrary to the Chinese Government's policy of trying to hold down prices, particularly foodstuffs, such as rice and imported commodities as petrol.

Mr. Lapham said he was speaking to "Americans in China." Actually his talk was levelled directly at the Chinese. In fact the text of his speech was translated and delivered to the Chinese Press in Shanghai.

Assurance Needed

He admitted "unquestionably the situation in China is more difficult and different than in any other country now receiving American aid."

Yet he said: "Neither this aid programme nor any other can be successful in helping China unless there is a determined all-out effort by the Chinese to help themselves."

Then he called for "fullest co-operation if we are to make this aid programme of real and lasting assistance" to China.

Mr. Lapham said the money also will finance the Rural Reconstruction Commission to help farmers but the amount was not yet determined. — Associated Press.

To Clear Harbour By September

By the middle of September the harbour will be entirely free of navigation dangers when the salvaging of the last two major wrecks has been completed.

Salvaging operations are today under way at the Southern Fairway, opposite the Marine Office, and at the Naval Anchorage. What remains of the 3,000-ton freighter, sunk at the Southern Fairway, is estimated to weigh about 1,000 tons. It is about 20 feet below water at low tide. The wreck at the Naval Anchorage is about 700 tons.

By reason of their damaged conditions, the remains of the freighters have to be dismantled by under-water cutting devices and blown up by plastic explosives. The rest is lifted by the ordinary salvaging processes.

The operations are conducted by Chinese contractors. The Marine Department and the Naval authorities are responsible for each wreck. Both are expected to be cleared within two months.

Since the liberation, about 140 wrecks of all description, including junks, sampans, freighters, tankers and launches, have been salvaged. The total tonnage is not available yet.

Removal work was initiated by the Royal Navy in September 1946. For the job, specially designed lifting craft were brought from the United Kingdom and used to sweep clean the harbour which had many navigation difficulties during the early re-construction days.

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The wreck, which was salvaged at a cost of \$889,000, was turned into scrap. It was located off the marine office, Connaught Road, Central.

Other scrap metal, which was not salvaged, was sent to the United Kingdom for re-conversion industrial purposes.

DOCKYARD WORKERS' BACK PAY

The grant of part pay for the period of the Occupation to Dockyard Chinese employees in lieu of the victory bonus already paid, is under consideration by the Commodore Superintendent, Hong Kong.

Should the Commodore Superintendent feel that the recommendation is justified, it will be sent to London for approval before payment.

This was revealed by Mr. Mak Yiu-chuen, Chairman of the Naval Dockyard Chinese Workers' Association, at a meeting of members last night.

Mr. Mak said the Civil Secretary had stated that it was incorrect that more than 35 per cent of the workers had been discharged since January.

It had been found possible to retain a number of men for three or four weeks longer than was promised.

No further discharges were expected "except for normal reasons after the end of July, by which time the percentage reduction will almost approximate 35 per cent."

BREAD RATION TO GO

London, July 22. Bread rationing will end in Britain this Sunday after two years in operation, the Food Minister, Mr. John Strachey, announced in Parliament to-day.

Rationing will be replaced by a system of control of the rate of delivery of flour to bakeries so that consumption will be kept at about the same rate as during the past year.

Mr. Strachey assured Parliament that the new system would make available all the bread and flour needed for human consumption. He said the bread ration system, bitterly criticised by the Opposition at the time of its introduction and the object of continuous agitation ever since, had resulted in an appreciable saving of supplies in the first year, which was the most critical supply period.

"There is little doubt that without rationing we should have suffered a breakdown in the supply of bread in April or May, 1947," he said.

During the past few years of salvaging operation, no serious accidents or casualties were reported. Despite the hazards of the work, the workers worked smoothly and efficiently.

Most of the wrecks were turned into scrap. In this form they were sent to various local industries and turned into useful products.

The Chiap Hua Manufactory Co., Ltd, which has a factory manufacturing construction tools and shipping accessories, is producing about 1,500 tons per month of reinforced steel rods used in the construction of buildings. These have been used exclusively in the rehabilitation of the building projects of Hong Kong, Hurricane lanterns, angles, charcoal irons, and padlocks, and the finished products made from the wreck scrap. During the past eight months, the factory has consumed 7,000 tons of wreck scrap.

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FULL COURT REFUSES APPEAL IN LYTTON WOOD MURDER CASE

Knew Nothing About It

Lau Fuk-tai, married woman, and the other occupants of 132 Lai-chik-lok Road, ground floor, did not know that their house was being burgled until they were awakened by Detective-Sergeant Li Chau-sing just before dawn on Wednesday.

A search of the flat by the detective revealed Li Yuk-kau, 17 years, crouching by the side of the wardrobe with a blanket over him.

When Li was charged with Ma Po (aged 20) and Chan Kam (16 years) before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday with the larceny of three rattan brackets containing 30 pieces of clothing, an electric fan and a blanket, Sub-Inspector J. G. Howarth informed the Court that Li was an escapee from Stanley Reformatory.

On the application of the prosecuting officer, Li was remanded for 48 hours for his age to be verified. Second defendant, with a previous conviction, was sentenced to 18 months' hard labour, and third to a year's hard labour. Both were recommended to be banished.

After the three accused had unfastened the iron rod secured to the shutter of the side window, they removed the shutter, and Li climbed through a broken window. He removed all the articles from a wardrobe to the passage-way, preparatory to handing them out to his accomplices, said SI Howarth.

At that moment, Detective-Sergeant Li Chau-sing and Detective-Tai Kwan passed by, saw the broken shutter and the youths by the side of the window, and questioned them. They admitted removing the shutter and added that another youth was inside the house stealing.

The detective awakened the occupants, searched the place, and found Li hiding under a blanket by the side of the wardrobe.

The appeal by Lau Ho-fai, Lau Yun-hoi and Ho Chouk-kui against their conviction and death sentence for the murder of Lytton Bevis Wood on February 11, was refused yesterday by the Full Court.

Mr. D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr. P. J. Griffiths of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist, represented the appellants.

Mr. A. Lonsdale, Acting Solicitor-General, represented the Crown.

In the course of a written judgment, with which Mr. Justice Reynolds concurred, Mr. Justice Gould said:

"The two appellants in this case asked leave to appeal against their conviction for the murder of Lytton Bevis Wood on February 11, 1948. Their applications were treated as appeals and counsel for both appellants based his argument on the two grounds following:

"1. that certain statements of the accused were wrongly admitted in evidence by the trial judge.

"2. that there was mis-direction and non-direction of the jury concerning their allegations of having been beaten and ill-treated while in police hands.

"As to the first ground of appeal, that the statements should not have been admitted at all, it is only necessary to say that the matter was in the discretion of the learned trial judge, to be exercised in accordance with well defined legal principles. It has not been shown that he exercised his discretion wrongly or unreasonably and in fact it is quite obvious that he directed his mind to the matters proper to be considered and decided the question upon evidence which it was his province to consider.

Take Different View

"Upon the second ground, it is submitted by counsel for appellants that in his summing up the learned trial judge should have directed the jury that though he had admitted the statements in evidence as having been voluntarily made, they might take a different view of the evidence on that point and so give much less weight to the statements.

"Counsel argued that failure so to direct the jury in definite terms was a failure properly to put the defence of the appellants. He submitted further that the learned judge had insufficiently traversed the facts as to the alleged ill-treatment and in one instance on point of fact beneficially on the same subject had mis-

directed the jury. These are only different aspects of the same matter.

"It is well established that it is a matter for the judge to decide whether a statement made by an accused person is admissible in evidence or not—if he decides that it was made because of threats, violence, fear or inducement by some person in authority, he will reject it. The onus is on the Crown to show affirmatively that it was made voluntarily and if that onus is not discharged the statement will not be admitted.

"The Court takes the view that the true principle is that where the judge has heard evidence, either in the presence, or more properly in the absence of the jury, and upon that evidence decided that a statement was voluntarily made in that it was not made as a result or under the influence of ill-treatment or threats. It is not proper for the jury to consider again upon the matter of weight the evidence as to the fact of such ill-treatment or threats, where the only conclusion which the jury could come to which would be favourable to the accused is that ill-treatment and threats or some part thereof had in fact been established by the evidence, that the statement was not voluntary within the legal principles applicable and that the judge had been wrong in admitting it in evidence. Upon this basis, the summing up was more favourable to the accused than it need have been."

The appeal is accordingly refused."

CONFISCATION OF GOLD CONFIRMED

Mr. F. X. d'Almada, Central Magistrate, yesterday confirmed his judgment of May 14, when he ordered confiscation of 1,510.14 taels gold (worth \$500,000) and fine of \$100 on its owner Voon Pak-yut, Chinese merchant from Swatow.

The gold was seized on the take a further chance. Had the Revenue Officers been contented with his answer, defendant would have by not landing suffered seizure only a portion of the gold he had concealed.

It is common knowledge that upon a search of a ship, if any prohibited commodity is found, there would be seizure whether this be the final destination or just a port of call for the ship in question, and to take a chance would be equivalent to a gamble and every man must bear the consequences of his gamble, especially in respect of something known to be liable to seizure and here again the defendant's denials disclose the fact that he knew he had something that was and had been termed as "contraband."

The defendant in the present case is a merchant and the prohibition is well known to all, especially men engaged in commerce, and once a prohibition of this nature is imposed the discovery leads to seizure and the following step is application for forfeiture.

In going over the facts of the present case the following are points of importance:

(a) The defendant's one aim was to avoid landing in this Colony.

(b) The denial of the presence of further gold after the discovery of the first lot.

Only Answer

Why did the defendant avoid landing here? The only answer to this question is that the defendant knew if found not being searched the gold would be seized, and that avoiding coming ashore he might escape detection.

His denials of further gold clearly indicate that he is out to

Reminders

Today

H.K. Football Club, Annual general meeting, at Clubhouse, Happy Valley, 6 p.m.

H.K. Light Orchestra Rehearsal, 278 Robinson Rd., 8.30 p.m.

Dramatic Show: "The Reverse of the Medal", French Convent School, Causeway Bay, 8.30 p.m.

H.K. Teachers' Association, extraordinary meeting, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 8.15 p.m.

Coming Events

Dramatic show: "The Reverse of the Medal", French Convent School, Causeway Bay, 8.30 p.m.

H.M. Dogkayard Reception Club, Whist Drive & Social Evening, 8.30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Top H. Classical Concert, Taikoo House, 80 Mardonhill Road, 8.30 p.m.

Talk on "Allens—the Present

View of H. by W.C. Wong, YMCA Lounge, 8.30 p.m.

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SQUALL SINKS A JUNK

A sudden squall overturned a 25-ton junk off Kowloon in Chinese waters, throwing its 11 occupants into the rough sea.

One, a 33-year-old seaman, clutched on to the hatch and was saved about six hours later by a passing boat, which arrived here on July 20.

The rescued seaman, Ma Ho-hin, reported yesterday that he did not know whether the others managed to swim ashore or whether they were saved by other vessels.

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"GOOD BUSINESS" IN A KOWLOON HOUSE

When an American seaman and a British serviceman arrived at 3 Jordan Road, ground floor, in the early hours of July 17 and saw two other European men on the premises they remarked, "Good business tonight. Full house."

The two Europeans turned out to be Divisional Superintendent George Leys and Chief Inspector S. G. Smith who were raiding the premises on suspicion of its being used as a brothel.

The principal tenant, Lau Keung, 20-year-old bricklayer, was fined \$200 by Mr. W. H. Lawrence at Kowloon yesterday on being found guilty of permitting the flat to be used as a brothel.

When the two Europeans saw the police officers, who were in civilian clothing, they remarked, "Good business tonight. Full house." Asked by witness who brought them to the house, replied, "Rickshaw coolies," and added that they were looking for girls.

Children Sleeping

In reply to Mr. Y. K. Kan, for the defence, witness admitted that one of the women told him that she was paying \$80 per month, rent, while the other stated that she was paying \$70 monthly. He further admitted that there was another party, a Portuguese woman, by name of Ozorio, occupying another room, and that there were children sleeping out in the passage-way.

When asked whether she was the occupant of the room, the woman replied in the affirmative, but she refused to say who occupied the adjoining room. The door of that room was opened about five minutes later, after witness had threatened to force his way in.

On entering the room, said witness, he saw another Chinese woman in bed with an American man. The woman was in a state of undress, while the man was lying in bed wearing a pair of shorts. Questioned, the man said that he paid the girl \$4 or \$5, U.S. currency.

Arrived By Rickshaw

Whilst the Police were still on the premises, another two Europeans arrived by rickshaw. When asked what they wanted, they said that they were looking for girls.

CI Smith, corroborating, said that the woman who was at the door occupied the front room.

Mr. Eric Hinsworth, Superintendent of Imports and Exports, who prosecuted, said he was not pressing the charge as, he was satisfied defendant, who had imported these ingots before, acted without malicious intent.

The American seaman in the adjoining room told him that he paid \$4.50, but did not specify what currency.

The woman in the front room refused to tell him who the principal tenant was, while the other woman merely pointed to a cupboard-like room. Accused was found sleeping in that room. On being awakened and questioned, defendant admitted being the principal tenant and produced a rent receipt.

Defendant said he was unable to explain why rickshaw coolies should bring European male visitors to the house.

A Parental Interest

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US JETS IN HAMPSHIRE

Odham, Hants.—Sixteen P-80 Shooting Star fighters today completed the first American jet flight to England when they touched down at the Royal Air Force base here today.

The planes took 11 days to cover the course between their bases at Selfridge Field, Michigan, and their actual flying time was just over 11 hours.

The fighters will remain here for two days before leaving for Germany, where they will carry out two weeks' training and take part in exercises in conjunction with the 60 Superfortresses which had arrived in England last week.

After corroborative evidence by SI Chan, Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth informed the Court that the duty on the liquor was \$4.

FOOD PARCELS FUND

The following is a list of donations received up to July 21, 1948, which have been forwarded to the Chinese Welfare Fund:

Mr. J. G. Macdonald, 100,000

"BLITZ" BY RED ARMY THOUGHT IMPOSSIBLE ALL NOT WELL IN THE UKRAINE?

Five Years On Menaces Charge

Found guilty by a jury at the Criminal Sessions yesterday on a charge of demanding \$5,000 with menaces, Chan Tam-kam, fisherman, was sentenced by Mr. Justice Gould (Acting Chief Justice), to five years' hard labour.

In passing sentence, Mr. Justice Gould said that he greatly regretted the fact that the maximum sentence he could pass was only five years.

The jury were unable to reach a decision on two other charges with which Chan was charged, namely, kidnapping Siu Tak-hung, son of a lime kiln owner and uttering a letter demanding \$5,000 with menaces. Mr. Justice Gould directed that he be remanded in custody pending a decision as to re-trial on these charges.

Chan was tried at the June Sessions on a charge of murder, but was acquitted by the jury. On that occasion, he was defended by Mr. V. d'Alton.

Mr. A. Hooton, assisted by Mr. Inspector D. H. Taylor, conducted the case for the prosecution. The accused was not legally represented.

Before accused testified yesterday, certain statements alleged to have been made by him but which he denied having made, were read to the jury. Mr. Justice Gould having held that they were admissible.

After the statements had been read, accused was asked if he wished to be cross-examined. When told that he would be subjected to cross-examination if he testified, he conceded.

Chan then told the Court about his movements between March 11 and March 13. He had been to Hong Kong to collect a debt of \$15 on two occasions, but was unsuccessful. On March 14, the friend who had borrowed the money returned it to him. On the following day, this friend brought the police to arrest him. Chan said that when he was questioned by the police, he told them he knew nothing about the happenings at Lau Fau Shan.

Chan alleged that the evidence against him had been fabricated by the police and that they had brought a false charge against him. He admitted that he was in need of money during the period March 11 to March 13.

Ngai Lai-sau, who was called as a witness for the defence, agreed that he had borrowed \$15 from accused. He also agreed that he took the police to find accused, but did not know they wanted to arrest him.

On conclusion of the summing up by Mr. Justice Gould, the jury retired for 25 minutes.

BOAC PLANE DELAYED

It is notified that the provisional changes in arrival and departures of B.O.A.C. Planes are as follows:

(1) The Inward B.O.A.C. Plane from the United Kingdom, due here on Thursday, July 22, is now expected to arrive on Friday, July 23.

(2) The Outward Air Mail for Japan (Ordinary letters only) by B.O.A.C. Plane, advertised to close at 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 22, will now close at 3 p.m. on Friday, July 23.

(3) The Outward Air Mail for the United Kingdom by B.O.A.C. Plane, due to close at 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 24, will now close at 10.00 a.m. on Sunday, July 25. (Registered at 5 p.m. on Friday, July 24).

GRAVE CHARGE

Charged before Mr. J. Wilks at Kowloon yesterday with attempting to commit an unnatural offence against Li Kwok-tan on July 21, Indian PC 5058 Hirzura Singh, aged 35, was, on the application of Detective-Inspector C. Dowman, remanded for a week in custody.

WAR MONGERING, SAYS WALLACE

Philadelphia, July 21. Mr. Henry Wallace today charged that the indictment of Communist leaders in New York was a Red-baiting attempt to promote new fears of Russia.

Mr. Wallace made this charge in a statement issued through his new Party headquarters, where his followers are setting up stage for the founding convention which will nominate him for the Presidency this weekend.

The convention, actively centred here on drafting the platform on which the new Party is to be founded, is to be held in New York on Saturday, July 24, and the platform will be adopted on Sunday.

Mr. Wallace considered it significant that the indictment came on the eve of his third campaign in United States of Idaho for Vice-President.

The general opinion among Soviet military circles here is that, in case of a general conflict, Russian armies would not be able to push to a successful conclusion a "blitz" offensive against Western Europe.

It is claimed that the dismantling of the railway east of the Elbe and the bad state of repair and the extreme shortage of bridges over German rivers would hamper the progress of mechanised armies.

Furthermore, the distance separating a Soviet army engaged in offensive operations from its Russian bases would be colossal and would prohibit effective means of maintaining lines of communication.

Columns marching towards the west would be exposed to this area to restore peace and order.

All these difficulties of a technical order would compel Russia to resort to her centuries-old war tactics of using the vast spaces of the Vistula to wage a defensive war. To this would be added the poor morale, not only of Soviet servicemen in Germany, but of the entire Russian population at home. It was added that the Russian High Command was increasingly worried about desertions in Germany.

The contact of Russian soldiers with western civilisation is stated to have had a demoralising effect on these troops. Asceticism and the rigid discipline of the Communist state were not easy to bear once the taste of comfort and freedom had worked its way into the frame of the Soviet soldier.

Morale Law
Several collective suicides of Russian officers and their entire families have been reported in several Soviet zone garrisons, when it was announced that they would be re-posted back to Russia.

German prisoners coming back from the Soviet Union unanimously declared that the inhabitants of the European regions of Russia were still deeply depressed by the effects of war. The pilfering and terror of the German armies and the Gestapo had left wounds which refused to heal.

These prisoners claimed that it was unlikely that persuasion or even compulsion would be able to awaken the magnificent enthusiasm which enabled the Soviet Union to fight back to victory after the victorious Hitlerite offensive in the early stage of the Russian invasion.—Agence France-Presse.

Arrivals from Singapore and Bangkok in Wednesday by CPA were Messrs. M. I. Wheatley, R. B. Lundi, Lee Yang-chak, Laing Ying-wah, Oey Tieng-taij and Oey Siok-hung.

Among the passengers who boarded the Manila bound CPA plane on Wednesday were Messrs. Go Tian-bin, Ong Kaway, Kang Hong, Chia, Cheng-kang, Lim Seng, Ang Kuan, Ang Huan and Co Yu.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday included Messrs. Norman Jemal, H. A. Barros, W. D. Davis, N. S. Walker, A. Durrouze, W. L. Allison, R. N. Anseth, G. J. Desanore, W. J. Moore, C. C. Chow, J. H. Perl, and Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Law.

Arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday were Mrs. Neil Walker, Mrs. Evelyn M. Wright, Miss Margaret Soong, Miss Barbara A. Yeager, Miss Margaret E. Mueller, Miss Jeanne Montgomery, Miss Vlach Mae Hader, Miss Margaret Peed Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hill, Messrs. E. M. Hunt, E. Parker, W. R. Rivers, K. M. Hampshire, J. A. Barthrop, Lieutenant David G. Fisher, and Capt. Milton Lerman.

Latest arrivals from Southampton by BOAC "Speedbird" flying-boat are Messrs. J. F. Weston, D. A. Davies, C. J. Agate, W. L. Howard, W. J. Moore, D. H. Clarke, T. G. P. Crick, A. D. Kay and Miss E. F. Stock.

Aboard the same aircraft were Mr. Tse Kun-shae and Mr. B. A. Isonson (from Calcutta); Mr. D. B. Saso (from Bahrain); Messrs. G. S. Wilson, Chen Shou-yi, and Kwok Ping-chor (from Bangkok).

The wedding of Miss S. H. Wan, of the Bellis Old Girls' Association, and Mr. K. K. Kam will take place on Monday at the Hong Kong Hotel at 4 p.m.

Mr. W. Gordon Hartman, who has been appointed Public Relations Officer in Hong Kong, arrived from Shanghai yesterday.

WAR MONGERING, SAYS WALLACE

Philadelphia, July 21. Mr. Henry Wallace today charged that the indictment of Communist leaders in New York was a Red-baiting attempt to promote new fears of Russia.

Mr. Wallace made this charge in a statement issued through his new Party headquarters, where his followers are setting up stage for the founding convention which will nominate him for the Presidency this weekend.

The convention, actively centred here on drafting the platform on which the new Party is to be founded, is to be held in New York on Saturday, July 24, and the platform will be adopted on Sunday.

Mr. Wallace considered it significant that the indictment came on the eve of his third campaign in United States of Idaho for Vice-President.

Mr. Wallace predicted that we can expect further Red scares and attacks on other minority groups with charges that their views are hostile to the Government.

He added that the real purpose behind the indictments was to create a diversion for "Americans who are complaining about poverty in the United States."

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HK TRADE FIGURES

Hong Kong's imports during June this year were HK\$40,000,000 more than during the corresponding month last year.

An official statement yesterday said that imports of merchandise during last month totalled a declared value of HK\$73,787,329 as compared with HK\$30,474,333 in June last year.

Exports amounted to a declared value of HK\$106,118,222 last month as compared with HK\$100,472,154 in June, 1947.

Total imports into the colony during the first six months of the year amounted to HK\$380,972,054 as compared with HK\$369,103,094 during the first half of 1947.

Exports totalled HK\$66,098,406 in the first six months of this year as compared with HK\$59,391,402.

US Policy In PI Denounced

New York, July 21. The liberal weekly, "The Nation", has published an article denouncing United States' insistence on passage of the Bell Act and also the Philippine Government's handling of the collaboration issue.

The article—"Independence With Strings", written by William Winter, formerly of the Office of War Information—said that as a result of the Bell Act, "American capital has joyfully begun the westward march to Manila, but the Filipinos are loudly expressing their resentment... Because of economic dependence, the young Republic scrupulously avoids any foreign policy which might be at variance with Washington."

Regarding collaboration, the article said that the intellectuals "are outraged... but there is a dearth of experienced leadership in the country and the most capable men served Japan during the war."

"The people are ready to forgive and forget. They are so much so, in fact, that Jose P. Laurel is expected to be the next President of the Philippines—the man whom the Japanese appointed President."—United Press.

A summons against Mrs. E. M. da Rosa for evading payment of bus fare was dismissed by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday. He held, after hearing the evidence, that she was not meant to defraud the Bus Company.

Ng Sun, the bus conductor, said that Mrs. Rosa had caused him inconvenience two days before when she tendered a \$5 note. When change was given, she then gave him 30 cents for the fare.

On July 18 he asked for the fare and Mrs. Rosa refused to give it to him. She said that he had trod on her shoes. She said that she would not pay until an inspector came. He asked her for the fare three times and as no inspector came he took her to the Police station.

Mrs. Rosa said that the conductor was very quarrelsome. The bus conductor never approached her for the fare. She tendered the fare but he would not collect it.

She did say that she would wait until an inspector came. She wanted to report the conductor. She did not refuse to pay the fare.

**SHAH DINES AT
PALACE**

London, July 21. The Shah of Iran was entertained at a dinner party given in his honour by the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace tonight.

Queen Mary, Princess Elizabeth, the Duke of Edinburgh, Princess Margaret, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, Lord and Lady Mountbatten, Mr. Lewis Douglas (American Ambassador), Mr. Clement Attlee (Prime Minister), Mr. Ernest Bevin (Foreign Secretary) and Mr. and Mrs. Winston Churchill were among those at the dinner. —Reuters.

Intended To Rob

Mr. Blaik-Kerr said that the Crown's case was that accused went to the spot where the offence took place alone and with the intention of robbing.

He continued to ask her to have sexual intercourse with him and promised not to take any property from her if she consented.

She then agreed: All the time, accused had the revolver in his hand pointed at her. On accused's instructions, Poon undressed and intercourse took place.

After a minute or so, they were disturbed by a third person, who shouted to them "don't move." Accused got up and producing his revolver, told the intruder not to move. The other man, unarmed, stepped forward. A discussion about "lucky money" followed and it was agreed that Poon should give the second man \$1 as "Lai See."

After the money had been paid, two constables arrived. Seeing them, accused lunged away his revolver and fled. He was pursued and caught, after a short chase. The party was then taken to the Police Station.

Produced a Revolver

He produced a revolver and told her to keep quiet. He threatened to shoot her to death. He then asked her for her valuable.

He searched her and found two keys, which she told him were the keys of his house. He saw a watch on her hand and asked her to take it off. She pleaded that it was all that she had.

He then asked her to take off her clothes. She refused, then asked her to take off her clothes. She refused.

He then produced a revolver and threatened to shoot her if she did not give him her valuable.

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At the end of the trial, Crown witness box. He admitted having left his home but was not charged with any criminal wrongdoing.

Mr. Blaik-Kerr said that he had been charged with the offence of rape.

Catalina Tragedy

First Officer's Body Recovered

The body of Mr. K. S. MacDuff, first officer of the Catalina flying-boat which crashed near Macao last Friday, has been recovered in salvaging operations during which the plane's wings were torn off.

The wrecked plane was expected to be towed to Macao yesterday where the inquiry is to be conducted.

The "China Mail" was authoritatively informed yesterday that the three children of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Stewart, who were among the victims, will leave for the United States on Aug. 7. Mr. Stewart's body has not yet been recovered.

Mr. Stewart came from a family well known in North China for several generations. His father was born in Tientsin and served as an official in the Chinese Maritime Customs in Tientsin and Taku. Mr. Stewart was born in Taku, November 10, 1906, and was brought up in Tientsin.

As a young man, he served with General Frank Sutton in Manchuria. After his marriage to Mrs. Stewart (Hedwige De Freyde) he joined the Vacuum Oil Company as their representative in Tsing-tau.

In 1931, he entered the employ of the Texas Company and after a period with that Company in Hong Kong, was transferred to their Hong Kong office.

Mr. Stewart was a member of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps and after the fall of Hong Kong became a prisoner of war in Japan until the liberation.

Due For Promotion

He later returned to Hong Kong as Assistant District Manager here for the Texas Company and had been due to become District Manager upon Mr. D. H. Rowse's departure home in September.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart's children, Pat, Ian and Rose will sail on the President Cleveland from Hong Kong to San Francisco on Aug. 7, accompanied by Mrs. D. H. Rowse. The children will live with their uncle, Mr. Douglas Stewart, formerly of

the ground engineer is a possible for checking up on aircraft engines which must be passed by him as airworthy before a plane can take off.

Flying control is the most important department of a modern airport, as it controls the movements of all aircrafts from the time of its take-off until they arrive at an ultimate destination. This department is divided into four branches, namely, flight information, which includes meteorological reports and forecasts; aerodrome control which issues instructions by visual and radio-telephone signals to all aircrafts in the air; area control by radio-telephone with aircrafts outside the range of control from the control tower; and air sea rescue work which arranges for despatch of rescue to crafts in distress.

Briefing Of Pilots

Not the least important function of an airport is the briefing of an aircraft and every pilot before he takes off, so he may be in possession of all available information for his flight before he is given his clearance.

The administrative work of an airport is heavy and without glamour, said Mr. Hamilton, who concluded his talk with an invitation to all Rotarians to visit the airport and get a first-hand knowledge of its operation.

The speaker was thanked by President E. G. Cleary. Guests welcomed by the Club yesterday included Captain W. J. Moore and Messrs. A. J. Norman

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Hong Kong, 21st July, 1948.

INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT

NOTICE

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Owners of land and/or buildings situated in Hong Kong, Kowloon, New Kowloon and the New Territories are reminded that Property Tax for the year of assessment 1948/49 is payable as under:—

District Where Payable Due Date.

Hong Kong The Treasury 1A Des Voeux Rd., C., Noon, 31st July, 1948.
Hong Kong

Kowloon — do — — do —

New Kowloon — do — — do —

Tsun Wan District Office, South, Kowloon, Magistracy Bldg.

Tai Po District Office, Tai Po, — do —

Yuen Long District Office, Yuen Long, Ping Shan Land Office

4 p.m., 31st Aug., 1948.

In the event of default in payment of this tax by the due dates above-mentioned, a sum of 5% of the amount in default will be added to the tax and recovered there-with.

W. F. WATSON,
Acting Commissioner of Inland Revenue.

Hong Kong, 22nd July, 1948.

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NOTICE IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG

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Ordinance, 1897, made an Order

limiting the time for creditors

and others to send in their

claims against the above estate

to the 17th day of August,

1948.

All creditors and others are

accordingly hereby required to

send their claims to the under-

signed on or before that date.

Dated the 19th day of July,

1948.

DEACONS,

Solicitors for the Executor,

Prince's Building,

Hong Kong.

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MALAYAN TERRORISM

Cannot Be Beaten Immediately--Newboult

Grim Lesson Of

Batu Arang

Kuala Lumpur, July 21.
Sir Alexander Newboult, acting High Commissioner of the Malayan Federation, tonight admitted in a radio broadcast that the terrorists cannot be beaten immediately.

"We cannot be strong everywhere and the enemy will seek out our weakest places," he said, but predicted that eventually the Communists will be defeated.

Sir Alexander said that the police learned a lesson from the recent successful Communist attack on Batu Arang. He said: "It is clear that the planners of the attack had a most intimate knowledge of the daily routine of the working in the mine. Another disturbing feature was that an attack of this scale could be planned and organised without one breath of information coming to the ears of the police."

Sir Alexander said that the distribution of arms has been stepped up, and added that RAF Spitfires with their rockets and cannons will be used more.

Sir Alexander announced new emergency regulations to combat Malaya's terrorism, under which people in certain areas must register, have their fingerprints and photographs taken and be issued with identity cards.

Sir Alexander and the regulations made it an offence to harbour people liable to registration and who were without identity cards.

Still Serious

"I said a fortnight ago that the position was serious and I cannot say today that it is any less serious," he said.

Sir Alexander urged the Chinese community to throw its whole weight into the struggle on the side of the Government, to join the auxiliary police and special constabulary, and to give immediate notice to the police of any valuable information.

"No one can claim privileges who are not prepared to show their responsibility," he told them. There were many Chinese who were hesitating, he said, and he asked: "Have they not much

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11.15 p.m.—Catholic Prayers (Studio 12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary, 12.32 p.m.—Alfredo Antoni and his Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Edmund Ross (solo) and his Cuban Band.

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Orchestra Interlude, 1.30 p.m.—Handley Intrudes "All John's" (BBC).

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

4.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.01 p.m.—Children's Half Hour: Wind in the Willows; by Kenneth Graham with members of the H.K.S.C.

6.30 p.m.—"One Night Stand" presented by Philip Burn (Studio).

7.00 p.m.—"See Tee" Talks on Sport.

7.15 p.m.—The Jacques String Ensemble.

7.30 p.m.—Draffle: A talk by Louis Masine and Arnold Haskell on the Great Impression (BBC).

8.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

8.15 p.m.—Puccini's Madame Butterfly: Act 2.

8.30 p.m.—Interlude.

8.45 p.m.—Commentary on the Test Match (London Relay).

8.50 p.m.—Take Your Choice.

10.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.18 p.m.—New Concert Orchestra.

10.30 p.m.—Dance to Ted Heath and his Orchestra with Paul Carpenter (Vocal) (BBC).

11.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay).

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

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Soviet Officials Leaving Belgrade

Athens, July 21.
The official Greek News Agency reports today that numerous Soviet representatives in Yugoslavia are leaving Belgrade by plane with their families.

The Agency also reports that the Belgrade-Tirana Airline, which hitherto had been serviced by Yugoslav planes, has been handed over to a Soviet Air Company—Agence France-Presse.

Cast In The Same Mould

Bucharest, July 21.
Czechoslovakia and Rumania today signed a 20-year treaty of friendship and mutual aid.

The treaty follows exactly the form of earlier bilateral treaties between Eastern European states.

The treaty provides for consultation and mutual aid in the event

of aggression or threat of aggression by Germany or states allied with Germany.

Delegates also agreed to conclude five-year commercial and "economic collaboration" agreements before the end of this year.—United Press.

of the appointment of a new High Commissioner.

Japs To Return Loot

Shanghai, July 22.
Several hundred pieces of rare Chinese antiques and more than 10,000 tons of copper coins—a small proportion of the enormous quantity of loot which the Japanese carted away during the war—will soon be returned to China.

The reports add that SCAP authority for their restoration has been granted.

The antiques include some of the most valuable specimens of ancient Chinese porcelain ware, paintings and calligraphy.

The Chinese Government will despatch a vessel to Japan to bring back the restored treasures which constitute only a portion of all valuable plundered since the Japanese and discovered since the end of the war.—Reuter.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR MALAYA

London, July 21.
Reinforcements are being despatched to Malaya to augment the present forces being used in police operations against terrorists, the Minister of Defence, Mr. Alexander, announced in the Commons this afternoon.

Mr. D. L. Lipson (Independent) asked from what source the bandits in Malaya obtained their arms and Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, the Colonial Secretary, replied that the arms had been dropped by aircraft during the war to be used by the resistance movement against the Japanese invaders of Malaya. In addition, the Japanese had left arms and ammunition behind when they had surrendered.

Owing to the nature of the countryside, a residue of these arms remained unaccounted for, despite the efforts of the authorities to trace them.

Mr. Lipson asked for an assurance that no further arms were reaching the bandits and Mr. Creech Jones replied that every safeguard had been applied to prevent the importation of arms by sea or across the frontier.

Replies to the conservative M.P., Mr. C. D. Bannerman, Mr. Creech Jones said that shortly, he hoped to make a statement on the position in Malaya and concluded.—Agence France-Presse.

DEFEATS TRIAL

Paris, July 21.
The former French High Commissioner in French Africa during the period of the Vichy regime, Pierre Francois Bolson, died today aged 54. Bolson was about to be tried by a high court for his action in Dakar against the Free French Forces and against all sympathisers with the Free French cause.

He died in Paris, where he had been staying since his release from prison.

Agence France-Presse.

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DEMAND FOR TRUCE OBSERVANCE

Rhodes, July 21.
The United Nations mediator, Count Folke Bernadotte, said today that the truce "will and must continue until there is a peaceful adjustment in Palestine."

He conferred with his observers and briefed them on imminent assignments. He said that they would proceed to their posts on Thursday. Nineteen American and 25 Belgian officer-observers were present.

Three hundred more United Nations observers who are to supervise the Holy Land truce are due to arrive in Palestine on Monday. They comprise 100 Americans, 100 Frenchmen and 100 Belgians.

The antiques include some of the most valuable specimens of ancient Chinese porcelain ware, paintings and calligraphy.

The Chinese Government will despatch a vessel to Japan to bring back the restored treasures which constitute only a portion of all valuable plundered since the Japanese and discovered since the end of the war.—Reuter.

The observers will arrive aboard four American ships, the aircraft carrier Palau, two destroyers, the Cone and the O'Mara and one transport, the Marquette. The ships will be at the disposition of Count Bernadotte, as during the last truce.

In Tel Aviv, the Israeli Army Chief of Operations estimated today that the Arab armies lost 5,000 killed, wounded, captured or deserted during the nine days of the "Second Palestine War."

This loss, he said, was about 30 per cent of the total strength of the Transjordan, Egyptian, Iraqi, Syrian, Lebanese and irregular armies.

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SUPERFORTS TO STAY

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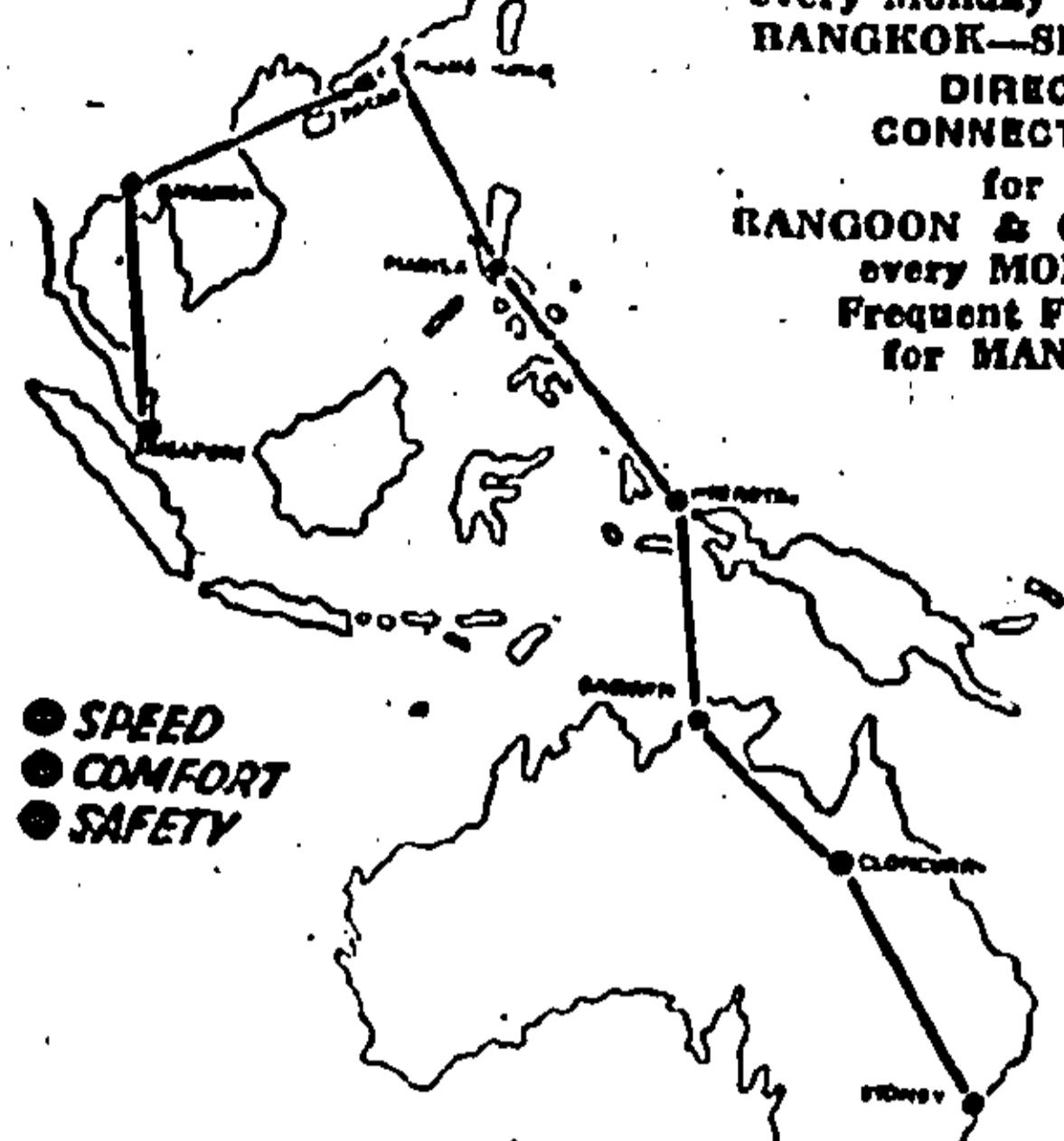
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ENGAGEMENT

PORTER—CLAY The engagement is announced between Lewis, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril W. Porter, Wilder House, Sevenoaks, Kent, and Anne Margaret, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Clay, Shanghai.

HK EXCHANGE CONTROLS

The exchange control measures announced for Hong Kong by Sir Stafford Cripps in the House of Commons threaten to be more far-reaching and restrictive in their effect than anything suggested in the Government statement published on Wednesday.

Controls designed to prevent a flight of capital from the sterling area through Hong Kong by ensuring that all sterling transactions are for proper purposes are readily understood and are unlikely to cause headaches for the legitimate merchant.

It is doubtful whether the further proposals will be as easily assimilated. Absence of an official statement in this Colony and Sir Stafford's phrase that the details "are being worked out with those concerned" suggests that no formula has yet been finally agreed, and, until that stage has been reached, comment must be somewhat reserved.

Business circles generally, however, are unlikely to relish new restrictions calculated to make commercial dealings more difficult, or add to complications in any shape or form.

Importers and exporters are already lamenting a noticeable slackening in cargo movement in the last two or three months, and there is no sign of any immediate improvement.

The demand for the full surrender to the sterling area pool of hard currency derived from local exports could have serious effects in several of the fields of local enterprise.

The programme, however, doubtless results from the recommendations of the Bank of England expert who recently visited the Colony, and as the practical choice appeared to be between Hong Kong continuing as a member of the sterling area, or being excluded, it will probably be accepted, with whatever reluctance as the lesser of two evils.

Death Penalty

The refusal of the House of Lords to accept the proposed compromise on the issue of capital punishment, abolishing the death penalty generally, but preserving it in specified cases, is not altogether surprising. Some of the most formidable legal brains in the British Isles, including the Lord Chief Justice, ranged themselves solidly against experimentation at the present juncture, when serious crime is rampant, and tests of public opinion throughout Britain clearly indicated that they represented the popular voice. Obviously, those who as a matter of principle are opposed to the taking of human life under any circumstances will be aggrieved by the Lords' decision when a successful campaign appeared to be theirs, but it has been well demonstrated that Britain is not yet ready for this revolutionary reform.

There is a powerful case on both sides, but the Labour Government would be well advised to accept the important reforms contained in the Criminal Justice Bill.

in the form now passed by the Lords, rather than make a vital issue on the highly controversial question of the death penalty. Where mitigating circumstances exist in murder cases, the prerogative of mercy still lies with His Majesty, on the recommendation of the Home Secretary. For the time being, this should be enough.

SOVIET STRATEGY IN THE CRISIS

By W.N. EWER

The tone and content of the Soviet reply to Britain, France and the United States were as M. Robert Schuman, the French Premier remarked, "on the expected lines." For they fit completely into the pattern of Soviet diplomatic strategy. It is a pattern of a type familiar enough in pre-war days.

First, there is the deliberate creation of a crisis, of a difficult and potentially dangerous situation: the stirring in the minds of peoples profoundly desiring peace of apprehensions that a new war is a possibility. Add to that, in this case, that prolongation of the crisis means, inevitably, hardships and suffering for millions of people. That is a refinement not thought of by Hitler.

Then, with the scene thus set, come hints that a settlement would be perfectly easy, that any war danger can be safely dispelled, that any suffering can be alleviated at once, if only other people will be reasonable and come into conference to discuss ways and means of reaching a compromise. Compromise, it is understood, in Soviet terminology, means satisfaction of some Soviet demands in exchange for the postponement of others. Even Hitler did not ask at Munich for all Czechoslovakia.

Russia's Intentions

How reasonable in itself seems the suggestion that the Soviet Government would not object to negotiations, with no preliminary conditions, about the "general question of quadrupartite control in relation to Germany."

But, what in fact, does it mean? What, after the weary failures of the last year, is there left to argue? What do the Russians intend?

The answer is very plain. This conference, if held, will be an occasion not only for the usual tirades against the Western allies but for a series of Soviet demands, with which the West will be required to comply as the price of a "settlement." With perhaps some slight modification of them at some stage to create the illusion of a compromise.

Immediate Demands

The note in itself makes it obvious what the immediate demands would be.

First, acceptance of the final four-power control of Berlin and of the integration of the city, politically and economically, in the Soviet zone. With perhaps a "compromise" the retention of "token" British and American and French military detachments in the capital, by permission of the Soviet Commander-in-Chief.

Second, annulment of all measures taken this year for the political and economic organisation of the Western zones; thus leaving Germany still divided by the "Iron Curtain," with the West catastrophically disorganized and the East completely under Soviet control.

At the same time, Tito pleaded for the Soviet Union's friendship and promised that Yugoslavia would be willing to work for it. In effect, he went over the head of the Cominform and took his case directly to Stalin.

It was Tito's first utterance since the Cominform flung its accusations at him on June 28.

The wartime partisan leader picked up each charge and aired it in turn. He said they were untrue, unfair and slanderous.

The Cominform, made up of top men from nine European Communist parties, denounced Tito for deviating from the Marxist-Lenin line in both foreign and domestic policies and for pursuing a "hateful" policy toward the Soviet Union.

Expressing pride in his own leadership, Tito said "No other Communist Party could endure such blows and not go to pieces, except the Communist Party of Yugoslavia."

"The majority of the people who signed the Cominform declaration belong to countries who are far behind Yugoslavia in developments," he continued scornfully. "They should criticise themselves because they have faults of all kinds."

No one could say whether Tito's appeal to Stalin would succeed. Stalin himself has not spoken on the dispute, but the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party led the attack on Tito, and Stalin is a member of that Committee, as is A. A. Zhdanov, Russian representative on the Cominform.

Throughout his speech, Tito was repeatedly interrupted by prolonged cheers and shouts of "Hooray Tito" from the 3,000 delegates at the Congress. —United Press.

Invasion Alarm

Rangoon, July 21. A Chinese Embassy official said today that he had no information on yesterday's report from Nanking alleging the possible invasion of China from Burma, territory bordering on Yunnan province.

The Burmese Government is concerned over the report, but has declined to comment at present.

The report, said to come from the Kuomintang, claimed that an army force was being organized in the Burma section of the Democratic League, which had been outlawed by the Chinese Government 10 months ago as "a threat to the safety of the Comintern."

The League was said to have its headquarters in Rangoon, and to operate from a base at Lashio, 75 miles from the Chinese border.

He added that he believed New

But—again the Munich parallel is perfect—this would not be the end in Germany, but only the "breakthrough" before "mopping up."

Outline Of New Operation

The Warsaw conference revealed the outline of a new operation, "demilitarization," which could be interpreted to mean removal from Western Germany of every possible means of defence, but in the hidden and secret East, nothing at all. And then "the occupation armes of all (Powers) will be withdrawn from Germany."

The field would be clear for the final coup. Communist and ex-Nazi paramilitary formations are already being organised in the Soviet zone. There are almost certainly actual military units—a new "Black Reichswehr" ready under trusted leadership. If need be, Poland or Czechoslovakia could easily pick a quarrel.

On whatever pretext—and again Hitler supplies many models—the forces of the "Peoples' Democracy" could be set in motion. And there would be nothing east of the French and Pomeranian borders to stop or even hinder the sweep. The "Iron Curtain" would be West of the Rhine; and Germany would have become another satrapy of the Moscow empire.

That is the great plan. It may sound as fantastic as in 1933 Hitler's great plan would have sounded. But there it is, quite visibly outlined in the Soviet note of July 14, and in the resolutions of the Warsaw conference.

OPERATION LOCUST

The G.H.Q. or Intelligence is hidden away in a remote corner of the Natural History Museum, South Kensington. Here a staff receives a continuous flow of telegrams and cables from agents throughout countries where hoppers assemble. The maps on which the presence of these hoppers is shown give an overall up-to-the-minute picture of the locust treat in any part of the world.

And what, you may ask, does this matter to people in Britain? Mr. D. R. Rees-Williams, Under Secretary at the Colonial Office, explained it to me like this: "Locusts are the world's oldest and most ruthless destroyers of food."

"The last great plague a year or two ago cost approximately £20,000,000. The world's greatest problem, yesterday, today and, to-morrow, is to find food. The world population is increasing and the ravages of war have made it more imperative than ever that we conserve our food resources."

"For centuries the great cereal producing countries in the Mediterranean areas, Rhodesia, Tanganyika, Africa and Asia have been at the mercy of this invader. Now, during the past five years we have gone over from the defensive to the attack. Various nations, irrespective of other differences they may have, are combining to track the locust to his breeding ground and there wipe him out before he launches his attack."

This great battle against the plague of centuries has been planned and led by Britain. For the past five years the British taxpayer has spent £1,000,000 a year in a campaign to wipe out locusts.

And yesterday it was announced that four nations—the United Kingdom, Belgium, the Union of South Africa and Southern Rhodesia—are signing an agreement to unite in the fight.

Purging Czech Police

Prague, July 21. The first signs of action which many Czechs have predicted for weeks appeared in the last days of a festival when club-swinging, police three times dispersed shouting and singing crowds in Prague's Wenceslas Square and an undisclosed number of Sokol members were jailed.

Reliable reports this week said that the Police themselves are being mercilessly purged. A thorough-going housecleaning is said to be under way in the Ministry of Interior, reportedly precipitated by the arrest and subsequent escape last month of a high ministry official, Zboenek Oman.

The usual Saturday night gaiety had given way to a sombre atmosphere.

One Czech glanced around before speaking and said: "This is the beginning of a public performance. Up to now the producers have been busy behind the scenes of play. Tomorrow they will begin assembling the cast. It will have hundreds of parts, all them will fit into the synopsis—a story of the decline from the West and the last act will be final intent of freedom in

Sympathy For West Europe

Dublin, July 21. Foreign Minister Sean McBride told the Dail last night that isolation for Eire was no longer possible and "therefore our sympathies lie clearly with Western Europe."

He said: "Continuance of partition precludes us from taking our rightful place in the affairs of Europe, but I believe the British Government and people are approaching realisation that a statesman-like policy lies in the direction of securing complete friendship and cooperation of this island."

He said the fact that the United Nations excluded Eire demonstrates its mechanism is open to abuse, and the government soon considered withdrawing its application.

"It would be well to examine suggestions made recently to Eire in support of a plan to form a United States of Europe.... The United Nations has not so far provided a solution. The other fact that it does not appear to have taken any effective steps to solve the present crisis is in itself indication of its failure."

ATOMIC STRIKE

London, July 21. A total of 128 engineers who had gone on strike at the atomic centre at Sellafield, Lancashire, will resume work tomorrow. The strike lasted 10 days. —Agence France-Presse.

BATAVIA OUTRAGE

Batavia, July 21. Five Netherlands soldiers and five civilians, including one European, were wounded when an Indonesian pedicab driver threw a hand grenade into a cafe in the centre of Batavia.

The pedicab driver managed to escape among the busy traffic in that part of the city.

The Agence news agency reported that the police carried out searches in the native district, where they arrested 32 persons alleged to belong to terrorist organisations.

Two grenades were discovered in one of the houses that were searched. The police added that they had been warned that something would happen and that they had taken precautions. —Agence France-Presse.

Civil Defence Programme

Trenton, New Jersey, July 20. Governor C. Driscoll today ordered the reactivation of the entire New Jersey civilian defence programme.

He said the programme would be set up on a "stand-by" basis under the direction of the State Department of Defence.

Governor Driscoll said his decision was based on his appraisal of the international situation and my continued conviction that the best way for the United States to avoid an international tragedy is to be prepared for all eventualities."

He added that he believed New Jersey is the first state to re-activate the programme. —Associated Press.

DUTCH AIR CRASH

Aberdeen, July 21. All six crew were killed when a Dutch naval aircraft, flying from The Hague to Leemann, northeast Scotland, crashed 1034 miles from the mainland.

He said the leader was intended to law, the Comintern.

As far as I know, none of those arrested belonged to the Wallace's Third Party.

Mr. Baldwin said the arrest

Britain Not Pro-American

London, July 21. A public opinion poll taken by the organisation "Mass Observation" among

AMERICA NOT TO BE INTIMIDATED

US Secretary Of State Makes Position Clear Will Do Everything Possible To Reach Accord

Secretary of State George Marshall today ruled out any belligerent act by the United States to break the Soviet blockade of Berlin, but also said "We will not be coerced or intimidated."

Wellington In Forced Landing

Marseille, July 21. Five of 13 persons aboard a French Alf Force Wellington plane were rescued today after a forced landing in the Mediterranean. French Air Force Headquarters for Southern France announced.

Headquarters did not say the remaining eight were definitely lost but merely that rescue planes had not yet sighted them.

Earlier the French news agency had reported 20 were aboard and that all had been rescued.

The plane, ferrying families of French soldiers from North Africa back to France, was forced down some 80 miles off the Mediterranean coast. It sent out a call and French officials ordered planes and launches to the rescue.

The Wellington took off from Reguila, Algeria, this morning for Istrid airport near here.

Marselles naval authorities said one of the rescue planes, a Dornier flying boat, crashed while trying to land near the wrecked Wellington, but no one was hurt.—Associated Press.

British Change In Air Policy

London, July 21. Forty-seater, Canadian-built, British-engined Canadair aircraft are to be used on the main Empire routes. Lord Pakenham, Minister of Civil Aviation, told the House of Lords today.

Twenty-two of them, he said, were being bought from Canada. Of these, 15 would be used on routes to India and the Middle East, and seven on the North Atlantic route to Canada.

The Canadair is a pressurized aircraft with full air conditioning equipment, including refrigeration.

The aircraft would not cost Britain any dollars. The money would be found through the postponement of certain obligations to the Canadian Government for the redemption of debt, thus enabling the dollars that would have gone towards meeting those obligations to be applied to the purchase of the aircraft.—Reuter.

20TH REPRIEVE

London, July 21. The Home Secretary, Mr. James Chuter Ede, has recommended a reprieve for George Cyril Epton, 41, of Kensington, sentenced to death on June 17 for the murder of Winifred Mulholland at his flat.

He is the 20th murderer to be reprieved this year.—Reuter.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH TAKES HIS PLACE

London, July 21. Princess Elizabeth watched her husband being introduced in the House of Lords today as the Duke of Edinburgh.

She was accompanied by Lady Mountbatten, whose husband, the Earl of Mountbatten, former Governor General of India and uncle of the Duke, took his seat as Earl Mountbatten of Burma.

The Duke of Edinburgh's sponsors were the premier Peer, the Duke of Norfolk, and the Duke of Beaufort.

Lord Mountbatten was sponsored by two former Viceroys of India—Earl Wavell and Earl Haig. Friends of his India days were present, among them the Dominion of India's first woman Minister, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur.

The Duke of Edinburgh was the first introduced, and, on bending low, he presented his warrant and patent to the Lord Chancellor. The Clerk then read out the King's proclamation, giving the Duke's greetings to "our most dear and entirely beloved son-in-law" and creating "Sir Louis Mountbatten" during the next few days. The Norwegian King, King Olaf, and Baron Grigorievitch and Earl of Merton also attended.

OCCUPATION TALKS

Oslo, July 21. Negotiations on an Anglo-Norwegian agreement on the occupation of Germany will start in London during the next few days. The Norwegian Minister, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur,

Washington, July 21.

Mr. Marshall declared the United States will do everything possible to "reach an acceptable solution and to avoid the tragedy of war for the world."

In Berlin, talk of sending an armed column through the Russian-occupied approaches to the city virtually ceased tonight. The Western Allies appear to have resolved on diplomatic means of breaking the blockade.

In this connection, British officials in London reported that a new Western power note protesting the blockade has been drafted and sent to Washington for review by State Department officials.

Asked at a press conference to comment on reports of widespread fear of war over the Berlin blockade, Mr. Marshall said in a statement: "I can only say at this time that our position, I think, is well understood."

"We will not be coerced or intimidated in any way in our procedures under the rights and responsibilities that we have in Berlin and generally in Germany."

"At the same time we will proceed to invoke every possible resource of negotiation and diplomatic procedure to reach an acceptable solution and to avoid the tragedy of war for the world."

"But I repeat again we are not going to be coerced," Marshall said. He told reporters he planned to confer with General Clay today.

Now Approach
In London, a responsible British official reported today that a new Western power note protesting against Russia's blockade of Berlin has been drafted and sent to Washington for review.

The contents remained a secret but the Government official said "don't be surprised" if it agrees to widen proposed four-power talks on Berlin alone to cover several other German problems. It was regarded as almost certain, however, that removal of the road and rail blockade of the German capital will remain a key condition for the talks.

British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin was shown a draft of the note while attending the Western European Alliance conference at the League. He was reported to have made a number of suggestions which were incorporated in the note before it was passed to Washington.

Delay Probable
The British official said no "major" differences had arisen in the exchanges between Strang, Douglas and Massigli.

But defeat of the French Government on Monday might delay—if not complicate—the time and method of presenting the Western powers' position until a new Cabinet is formed. It was regarded as likely that the United States and Britain will wait until that time in order to present a collective Western stand on the issue after the new Cabinet has had a chance to review the position.

Fitting Marshall's words
that the U.S. will not be coerced, American B-29 Superfortresses bombed the deserted German Island of Helgoland on a training practice flight today.

PEERS TOSS BILL BACK

London, July 21. A statement is expected in the House of Commons tomorrow on the Government's attitude to the House of Lords' rejection by 98 votes to 19 last night of the compromise murder penalty clause which the House of Commons had agreed to last week.

It is likely that the Government will accept the House of Lords' decision rather than delay many other reforms in the Criminal Justice Bill.

Then he signed the Roll of the House of Lords.

The Duke and his sponsors sat down on the front bench, then rose, three times, raised their hats towards the Lord Chancellor, and bowed, the Lord Chancellor responding.

As the Duke retired, a similar ceremony was carried out for Lord Mountbatten.—Reuter.

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No Further Waste Of Effort

London, July 21. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, announced in the House of Commons today that the British Government would not make any new representations to Moscow to obtain exit visas for Soviet wives of British nationals.

Mr. Bevin, who was answering a question, said that such representations appeared to be useless at the moment. —Agence Franco-Presse.

CZECH GENERAL'S ESCAPE

Heidelberg, July 21. Czechoslovakia's former top-ranking army general, Gen. Antonin Bohumil Hasal, now a refugee, declared today that at least 70 per cent of enlisted men in the Czech Army were anti-Communist.

The escape of the 55-year-old Czech Military Chief to the United States Zone of Germany with his family was announced yesterday and caused considerable comment here, as he was said to possess information presumably of importance to United States intelligence officers.

His last post in Czechoslovakia was that of military assistant and adviser to President Eduard Benes, who resigned last month.

Washington officials said yesterday that as presidential adviser, Gen. Hasal outranked even the Minister of War.—Reuter.

NO INTERFERENCE WITH AIR LIFT

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Writing on conditions in Italy's pre-war African colonies, a big four inquiry team labelled views put to them on Eritrea by political parties and popular representatives as being neither "mature and independent" nor "grounded on serious political and economic considerations."

In a report to big four Deputy Foreign Ministers made public today, the Commissioners disclosed that total membership claimed by Eritrean political parties which gave evidence exceeded the total indigenous population of the country.

The report showed that the five Eritrean political parties which gave evidence to the Commission all agreed their country should remain undivided; that the essential difference between them is the position their country will take in relation to Ethiopia and that not one of them considers immediate independence practical for Eritrea.

The Italians in Eritrea urged a trusteeship regime with Italy the mandatory responsible to U.N.

Native Eritreans urged unconditional union of their country with Ethiopia.

The Eritrean Moslem League plumped for full independence after 10 years of U.N. trusteeship to be exercised by Britain.

A second report on Italian Somaliland showed differences between Britain and the United States on the one hand and France and Russia on the other side in their respective assessments of what value is to be placed on the "wishes" expressed by the political parties and popular and tribal representatives.

All the Commissioners agreed, however, that the population of Italian Somaliland on Africa's East coast has retained its tribal structure and primitive mode of life; that nearly all the people are illiterate; that their interest in and understanding of economic, social and political problems do not extend beyond their tribal frontiers; that the country's economic structures make it impossible for the people's elementary needs to be met; that the economically depressed country's development is a long-term problem dependent on political frontiers.

CZECH DEPORTED

London, July 21. Dr. Pavel Kavan, Counsellor to the Czechoslovak Embassy in London, tonight handed a note urging the British Government to prosecute an official of the Anglo-Czech Friendship League, who is to be deported.

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CZECH GENERAL'S ESCAPE

Heidelberg, July 21. The Home Secretary said that the charge against Hampel was connected with the passing—either willingly or unwillingly—of a letter as a result of which "extremely valuable information, prejudicial to this country, fell into the hands of an unnamed foreign power."—Reuter.

DE VALERA FEARS NEW WAR

Dublin, July 21. Saying that "war, in the opinion of most people, is inevitable in a few years," Mr. Eamon de Valera, former Premier of Eire, asked in the Dail today if "our people" in Britain could be conscripted if the British Nationality Bill became law.

He asked the Government to make it clear that they were not satisfied with the Bill (which contains provisions worked out in co-operation between the Eire and British Governments).

The External Minister, Mr. Sean MacBride, said he understood Eire nationals could not be conscripted, and added: "If there should be a war tomorrow, I hope no member of this Government will try to bring this country into it on the side of Britain."—Reuter.

CRIPPS TO TALK WITH HOFFMAN

London, July 21. The Treasury announced today that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, will go to Paris next Sunday to see Paul Hoffman, American economic co-operation director.

Ministers responsible for economic and financial affairs of nations participating in the Marshall Plan will meet with Hoffman informally.—United Press.

Truman To Face Congress

Washington, July 21. President Truman will appear personally before the hostile Republican Congress on Tuesday to demand bills to curb soaring prices, provide more homes and better schools.

The President will come face to face with law makers for the opening round of what promises to be an historic election campaign battle. He seems certain to get a chilly reception not only from the angry Republicans, who are forced to return from vacations and campaigning, but also from the Southern "Dixiecrats" who have disliked him for his civil rights plank.

In the meantime, the Democratic National chairman, J. Howard McGrath, talked with the President and predicted afterward that the Southern rebels will be back in the party fold by November.—United Press.

Tea in SHANGHAI

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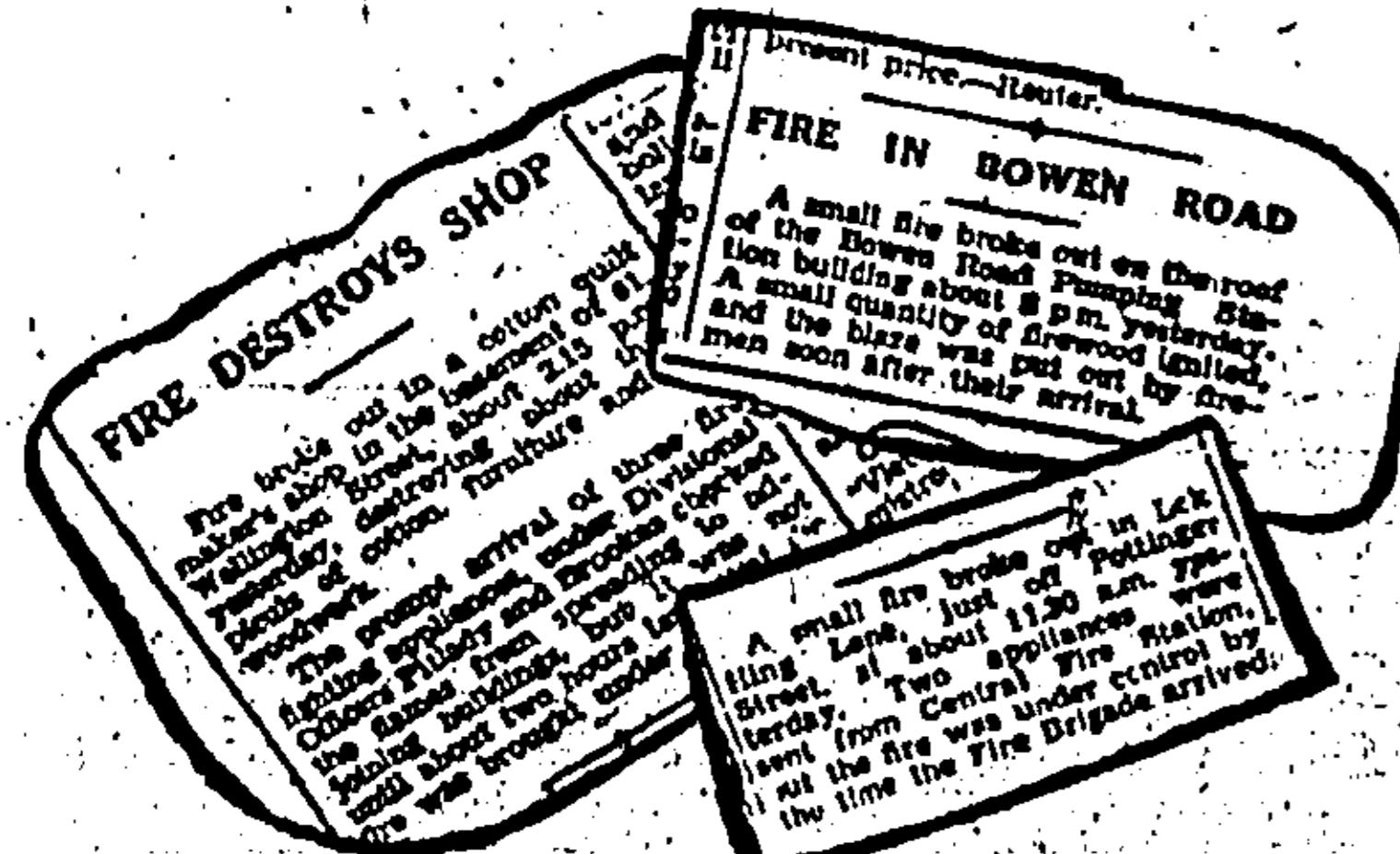
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GANG: CLEAN-UP BIDShanghai, July 22.
Shanghai police authorities are reported to be intensifying measures against the so-called "Thin Knife" Gang, which has become particularly active in recent months.

The gang, which specializes in terrorism, operates in the "red light" district adjoining the downtown business section of the city. It is composed of ruffians who gather together in the late hours of the evening for nefarious purposes. They carry an assortment of weapons, including daggers, hatchets, iron bars, and clubs. Their favorite weapon is, however, a one-foot-long cleaver, from which the gang derives its nickname.

Members of the gang generally operate in small groups, but on occasion—when there is some big "job" in hand "more than a 100" are reported to have congregated.

Although the gang is one of the most vicious and troublesome, it is by no means the only such gang in that area.

Rival Gangs

On several occasions in recent months there have been small-scale battles between the "Thin Knife" group and rival gangs with whom their interests clashed.

Local policemen on their beat are usually helpless before the scores of hooligans, and prudence counsels them to refrain from any action until they are able to summon assistance. By that time the ruffians have vanished.

If checked by such policemen, the ruffians do not hesitate to attack. Yesterday, at about 11 p.m., the "Thin Knife" gang gathered in force to wreak vengeance on a brothel in Swatow Road, whose proprietor had incurred their displeasure. A policeman followed them to the brothel, drew his gun, and ordered them to surrender. He

was knocked down by a club and hacked with knives on the back and leg.

Two ruffians, one of them said to be the gang leader, were arrested on the spot by other policemen. Several others were arrested today and the authorities are reported to be pressing measures to destroy the gang. (Agence France-Presse).

Success
Of Greek
Offensive

Athens, July 21.

The Greek General Staff today reported that the month-long campaign against the guerrillas won two-thirds of their territory and reduced their domain to 375 square miles.

The Army said that it was prepared for the second phase of the offensive in the Grammos mountains, northwest of Greece. It is reported that at least half of General Markos Vafiades' available troops were killed or captured in the offensive and it is reported that 1,102 were killed, about 4,000 wounded and 367 captured.

Greek sources said that General Vafiades was so hard pressed for men that he is calling in guerrilla reserves from all parts of Greece.

The Army said it lost 360 men killed, 1,952 wounded and 30 missing. (United Press).

The scene is post-war Paris. An ex-major, Paul Taggart (Dennis Morgan), is mixed up in some shady dealings on the black market. Through an accident he goes to Normandy with the wife of a collaborationist who is being brought to trial. Mme. Christine Leatrice (Vivien Lindford) and Taggart fall in love in Normandy, but their idyll is broken up when Christine is recalled to Paris to testify against her husband, which she refuses to do. Taggart makes plans, which result in the killers who are after Christine, and his own friends the black innkeepers, being trapped on a railway station, Virtue triumphs. (Warner Bros.)

Extras For
The HungryGeneva, July 21.
The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund today agreed to spend \$83,000,000 during 1949 to give extra food to five million of the world's hungry children.

The 20-nation Executive Board of the Fund agreed today on these main allocations of the provisional budget: Europe \$42 million, China \$12 million, Far East (excluding China but including India and Pakistan) \$6 million, Anti-Tuberculosis Campaign \$3 million. (Reuter).

Hunt For
Moon Fiend

London, July 21.

All police in Britain have been alerted in search for a man on a bicycle who kidnapped and stabbed six-year-old Irene Newton, of Mansfield, yesterday—on the eve of the full moon.

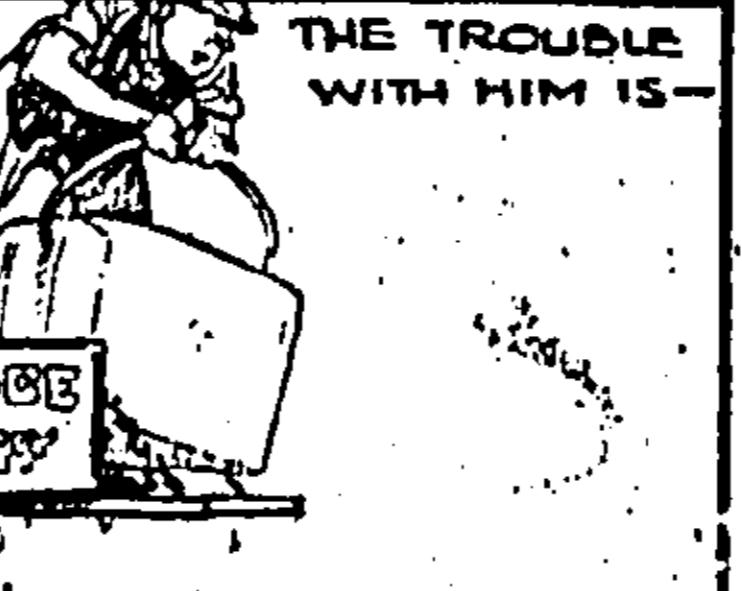
The man, aged about 30, was seen picking up the child near her home and to have taken her away on his bicycle across bar. Later, she was found four miles away on the Nottingham road bleeding from wounds in the chest and back.

She has been operated on, and today was reported to be comfortable.

The police think there may be a connection between this case and the recent Lancashire child murders which occurred at times of full moon. (Reuters).

Lisbon, July 21.
The death occurred here of the famous Portuguese caricaturist, Leal da Camara, at the age of 75 years. He was well-known in Spain, France and Brazil. (United Press).

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CINEMA WORLD

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"TO THE VICTOR" (Queen's).
Stars: Dennis Morgan, Vivien Lindford.

Story: Margaret Wyndham Chase, a ruthless woman interested in politics, declares her intention to run for the governorship of the state. This upsets the plans of Mr. Ace (George Raft), one of the political bosses of the city who wants to nominate his own candidate. Margaret, in an effort to win over Ace's organization to her side, tries the most potent means she has at her disposal. But, nothing, it seems, can shake Mr. Ace, not even kissing a Congress woman. Margaret, furious, agrees to get a divorce from her husband (Poli-Hel Ruin) and to drop her candidature. Ace then suffers a turn of heart, agrees that she would be a good governor, and goes behind the scenes to make sure she has an opportunity. She wins, without knowing who is behind her success—until later. (United Artists).

"WELCOME STRANGER" (Queen's).
Stars: Bing Crosby, Joan Caulfield, Barry Fitzgerald.

Story: Dr. Jim Pearson (Brother Bing) is sent out to small town Fallsbridge to replace Dr. Joseph McFerry (Barry Fitzgerald) during his vacation. The young and the old, as represented by the doctors, do not mix, until Pearson saves McFerry's life. Then McFerry changes his tactics, trying to persuade Pearson to stay in Fallsbridge and take over his practice. For this purpose he tries match-making between Trudy (Joan Caulfield) and Pearson (which, surprise, actually happens). McFerry's lifelong ambition is to be on the hospital board, comes about when he diagnoses a local epidemic as too much cigar smoking by the younger fry, thus confounding the Opposition for the post. This is country fare, enlivened by charm, songs, Fitzgerald and, as the cherry on top, Joan Caulfield. (Paramount).

"NIGHT SONG" (King's).
Stars: Dana Andrews, Merle Oberon, Ethel Barrymore.

Story: This is an unashamed tear-jerker, but with such stars even tear-jerking can have its merits. Blinded in an accident, a bitter young composer Dan Evans (Dana Andrews) is playing in a dance-band run by his friend Chick (Hoagy Carmichael) when wealthy Catherine Mallory (Merle Oberon) hears him play a fragment of his unfinished concerto. She pretends to be blind and, poor in order to gain Dan's interest, and persuades him to enter his concerto in a nationwide competition she has herself sponsored. He wins, and his sight is restored by an operation. Successful now, he meets Catherine Mallory as herself, and she is resentful when she finds that he has forgotten "Mary," the blind girl he played. However, when Dan does return to "Mary," all is well. (RKO Radio).

"ARTHUR RUBINSTEIN," the noted pianist who will be seen and heard in RKO Radio's "Night Song," asked his next-door neighbor, Pat "Fighting Father" Dunn (O'Brien), if his practicing annoyed him. "I should say not," Pat replied. "It's great. I've been selling tickets for weeks."

ANOTHER BARRYMORE
Hollywood may soon have another John Barrymore on the screen. He is the son of the late and great actor and Dolores Costello, and he is named after his father, John Barrymore, Jr. Now 15, the younger Barrymore is straining at the leash to begin a screen career, but must wait until he graduates from high school. He has traces of his father's famous profile, but is smallish in stature. One of the smallish stars has already offered the lad a contract.EXPENSIVE VOICE
Metro, which is doing the sequel to "The Jolson Story," is paying Al Jolson \$500,000 just for the use of his voice in the film. The original film was made by Columbia and starred Larry Parks as Jolson, with the latter providing his own voice for the songs. But Columbia would not meet Jolson's terms for the sequel and it was snapped up by Metro. Now Gene Kelly is slated to play the Jolson role, unless Metro can borrow Parks from Columbia."NIGHT SONG"
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"Night Song"



Dana Andrews plays the blind pianist, Dan Evans, and Merle Oberon his sweetheart, in the RKO Radio drama, "Night Song."

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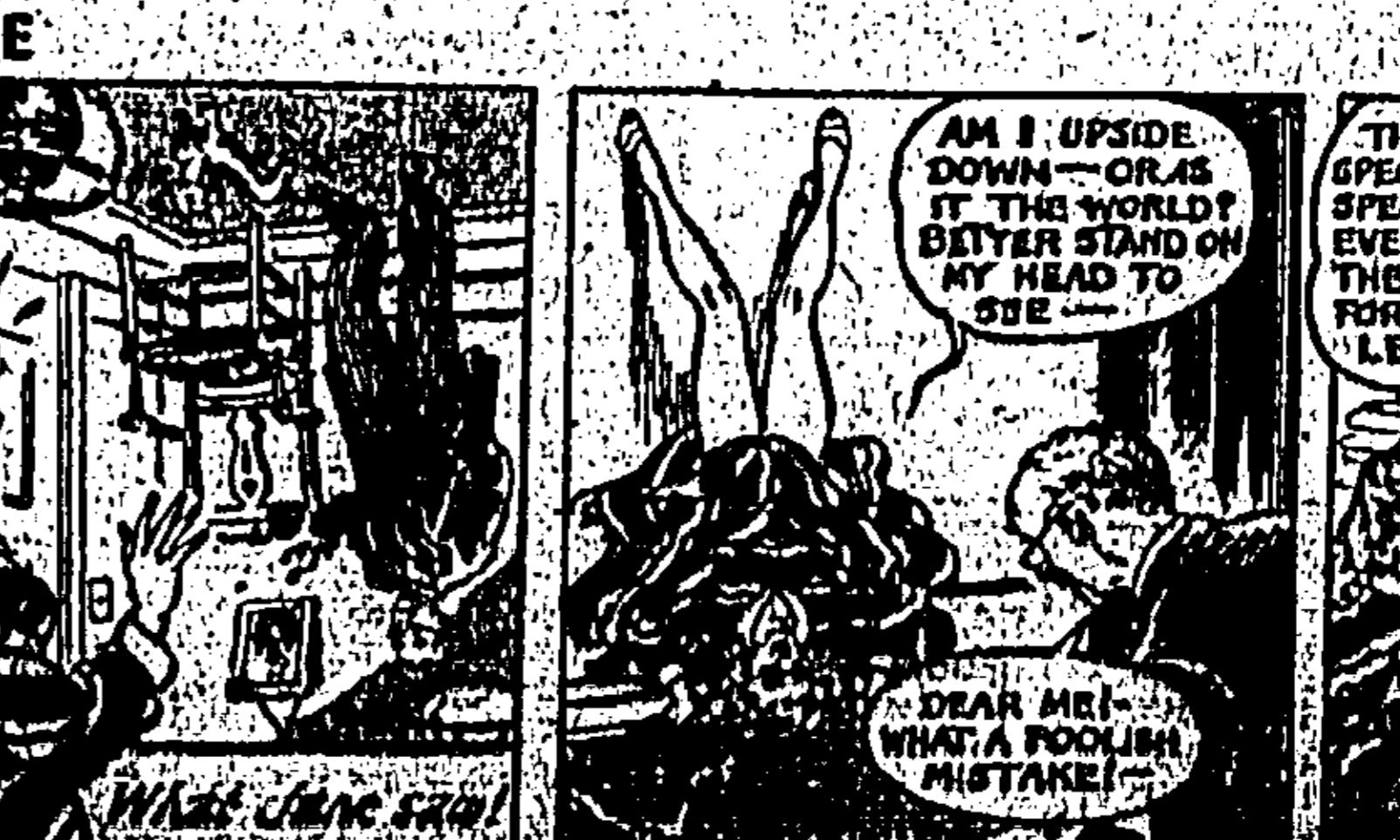


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FRENCH CABINET CRISIS

Marie To Make Attempt To Form Government

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Paris, July 21.
M. Andre Marie, Radical Minister of Justice in M. Robert Schuman's caretaker Government, tonight agreed to try to form a new French Cabinet not to succeed that of M. Schuman, which collapsed on Monday over military credits. M. Marie, aged 50 and a former Buchenwald prisoner, was the last in a day-long stream of visitors to the Presidential Palace, which included F. Georges Bidault, the Foreign Minister, and M. Paul Reynaud, who was Premier when France capitulated.

A key man in the crisis is General Charles de Gaulle's former Finance Minister, M. Rene Pleven, whose group of 27 deputies, known as the "Democratic and Socialist Union of the Resistance", is pro-Gaullist.

With the 80 Gaullists in the Assembly, M. Reynaud and M. Pleven can prevent any candidate for the Premiership from getting the necessary majority of 309 votes.

Well-informed circles tonight thought that M. Marie, whose Radical group is the smallest of the "Third Force" parties, would try to form a more right-wing Cabinet than the outgoing one, including Ministers from the Socialist, Popular Republican, Radical, Moderate and Rightist parties.

Most political observers, however, considered M. Marie has not got a very big chance of forming a new Cabinet. The Socialists will be divided about him because he represents as much liberalism as is practical today in economic matters and because he is unknown on the holding of local elections in October.

Outstanding personalities expected to be invited to form part of M. Marie's Cabinet, if he succeeds in forming one, include the ex-Premier, M. Schuman, the ex-Prime Minister, M. Georges Bidault, and the ex-Prime Minister, M. Paul Reynaud.

All these are reported to be likely candidates for the Foreign Ministry. The present Foreign Minister, M. Rene Mayer, might be called upon to head a

new Ministry to deal with the application of the Marshall Plan in France.

M. Marie is an ardent supporter of the Marshall Plan and was responsible for the Paid Holidays Bill passed in 1939 when he was Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in M. Robert Sarraut's Cabinet.—Reuter.

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Popular Front In Italy Dies

Rome, July 21.
Italy's "Popular Front" alliance of Communists and Socialists died quietly today. The front, formed seven months ago for the April general election, will apparently carry on in name only with Communist domination of a few small left-wing parties.

But the Socialist Party's new Secretary General today declared that as far as the Socialists are concerned the Popular Front "no longer exists."—Associated Press.

Armed Air Strength Doubled

Washington, July 21.
The United States will, by August, have more than doubled the armed air strength which it had in Europe four weeks ago, an Air Force spokesman disclosed today.

United States Air Force planes at present assigned to Europe are as follows:

1. Permanently assigned in Germany: one group of 75 fighter planes and two groups of trooping carriers.

2. Temporarily assigned in Germany: one group of 30 Super Fortresses and 54 four-engined transports—now being used in the "airlift" operation to Berlin.

3. En route to Germany: 75 Jet-fighters of the "Shooting Star" class, due to arrive in Germany early in August, via Glasgow, from Panama.

4. Temporarily assigned in England: two groups of Super Fortresses and 15 Shooting Star fighters, which are due to arrive in Britain today.

The spokesman said that the 75 Jet-fighters, whose expected arrival in Germany in August was announced yesterday, would bring with them 500 men as ground personnel.

Equipment for these fighters, including trucks and cars, was being sent after the fighters to Germany in army transports from the Panama Canal zone.—Reuter.

GEN. EICHELBERGER'S SUCCESSOR

Washington, July 21.
Lieutenant General Walton H. Walker, who commanded the United States 20th Corps in the European campaign, will succeed Lieutenant General Robert L. Eichelberger as commander of the Eighth Army in Japan. General Walker is now commander of the Fifth Army, with headquarters at Chicago. He will leave for Japan early in September.—Reuter.

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THE PERFECT
SWISS WATCH

CHINA MAIL

HONG KONG, FRIDAY, JULY 23, 1948.

England Make Good Start In The Fourth Test

Olympic Mystery Man

London, July 21. The "Mystery Man" of the Olympic Games is a six-foot two-inches blonde athlete, whose identity is being kept a secret by the Olympic Executive Committee.

He is the man who has been chosen to carry the Olympic Torch into the Wembley arena on the last lap of the traditional relay from Olympia, Greece. He will be the last of the 72 runners to carry the Olympic flame in relays from Dover, where it arrives on a British destroyer on July 24, on the eve of the Games.—Reuter.

SWIMMING GALA AT THE "Y"

The European Y. Swimming Club celebrated its return to the bath with an "At Home" splash in the club pool last night.

A number of handicap events were well contested.

George Saunders, the top swimmer of the Y, swam an impressive 100 yards breast stroke in 30 seconds.

The European Y. Swimming Club intends to hold fortnightly meets of this nature, to provide young swimmers with opportunities for competitive swimming.

There was dancing in the West Lounge after the gala.

VISITORS TO BRITAIN

London, July 21. The British "events and Holidays Board" stated today that there was no truth in the reports that would-be visitors from overseas were reluctant to come to Britain for the Olympic Games because of fears about accommodation difficulties.

The Board pointed out that a bureau had been set up with the specific object of avoiding this difficulty, and that, after meeting all overseas requirements to date, the bureau had, in fact, a surplus of accommodation.

The Board has recently announced that, in view of this surplus, they would assist provincial English visitors to need of London accommodation during the Games period.—Reuter.

GORDON GETS HIS 100TH

Kempton Park, July 21. The champion jockey, Gordon Richards, rode his 100th winner this season when he was successful on Mr. J. A. de Rothschild's Fair Breeze in the Bedfont Stakes, the first race of the day here this afternoon.

This is the 18th time in his distinguished career, during which he has been the champion jockey on 20 occasions, that Richards has performed this feat.

His total number of winning rides is now 3,331.—Reuter.

MCC AROUSES A CRICKET STORM

London, July 21. The M.C.C. Planning Committee report, which declared that it should be open to the M.C.C. to decide that their teams in India, South Africa and the West Indies should not play official Tests, is castigated by the Evening Standard.

The paper says, "The British public repudiate this document" and declares that the report made Monday's celebration of the centenary of W. G. Grace's birth "look in retrospect like a funeral wake."

Quoting the part of the report relating to the status of M.C.C. teams in India, South Africa and the West Indies, it continues: "In other words when the M.C.C. think that their teams are good enough to win, the matches will be dignified with the name of Tests. But if the M.C.C. are unable to field a team equal to the best, then the matches between the English team and the Empire country are to become some kind of second rate fixture, the results of which will presumably be buried from the records of the game."

The editorial continues: "Nothing could be more disgraceful to England's prestige among cricket-loving folk throughout

Leeds, July 22. With the Ashes already decided, England made a grand start in the fourth Test Match which opened here to-day, Hutton and Washbrook making their first 100 opening stand of the series.

The Yorkshire-Lancashire combination had scored 88 by lunch and continued batting confidently until Lindwall. At tea England were 183 for one wicket.

Norman Yardley, England's captain, winning the toss, sent Hutton and Washbrook in to open England's innings and by lunch time the two had scored 88 runs.

An hour before the start there were 20,000 people inside the ground and long queues were winding their way in so that a record gate was expected.

England were represented by Norman Yardley, Bill Edrich, Kenneth Cranston, Len Hutton, Cyril Washbrook, Denis Compton, J. F. Crapp, T. Evans, Jim Laker, Dick Poldark and A. Bedser with G. Ernest's twelfth man.

The Australian team was Don Bradman, Lindsay Hassett, Keith Miller, Arthur Morris, Ernie Toshack, Neil Harvey, Ian Johnson, Bill Johnston, Ray Lindwall, Sam Loxton and Don Sagger, with Bill Brown as twelfth man.

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The English selectors, J. J. Holmes and R. W. V. Robins, accompanied Norman Yardley out to inspect the pitch about an hour before the start. Their main concern was connected with the last place in the team.

The view that the best chance of defeating Australia rested on swing bowling, no doubt influenced the decision to play Cranston but it was surprising to see Young left out, as he is the only left-arm bowler of Test class among the 13 men nominated. Compton's place in this connection is chiefly as a change bowler.

Lindwall Erratic

The pitch looked rather green on top, but was expected to dry out perfectly.

Hutton started with a single off Lindwall's 31st ball.

In the absence of Barnes, Australia had no fielder very close to short-leg for Lindwall.

Bill Johnston stood about 10 yards away at short-mid-on, and Hassett about 15 yards from the bat in square leg.

England—1st Innings.

Uxbridge, July 21. The Chinese soccer team, due here today by air, has been delayed in Calcutta owing to transport difficulties. It is expected the team will now arrive tomorrow.

The other members of the Chinese group—10 basketball players, three track competitors, one swimmer and one cyclist, are training daily. In a few days time they will move from Uxbridge to a permanent hotel in a school near Wembley Stadium.

There they will set up their own catering establishment under the direction of a London Chinese catering firm. To supplement the local rations, the group has brought its own rice and other commodities.—Reuter.

Club's Win
At Bowls

At Soakupoo yesterday H.K.C.C. beat I.R.C. by 10 shots in the 2nd Division of the Lawn Bowls League.

I.R.C. H.K.C.C.
S.A. Casumbooy R. Phillips
M.A. Wahab E.J.R. Mitchell
A.O. Mubar R.A. Edward
A.K. Suffad A.W. Brown
(Skip) 10 (Skip) 35

L. Kitchell J. Mount
A.R. Razack A. Graham
S.M. Rumjahn J. Prentice
(Skip) 10 (Skip) 10

D.M.A. Razack G.W. Sewell
A.H. Seemin L.L. Mills
A.R. Razack R.R. Davies
(Skip) 21 (Skip) 11

Total 50 63

Friendly

K.C.C. beat Sports Club in a friendly at Austin Road yesterday.

K.C.C. Sports Club
H.W. Collinge Alarcon
E.R. Rossetti W.E. Frost
J. Eastman J.A. Tibble
T. Madar A.J. Kew
(Skip) 32 (Skip) 18

V.C. Librum J.J. Graham
F.E. Lawrence F. Broadbridge
S.A. Gray J. Victor
F. Goodwin J.S. Landolt
(Skip) 21 (Skip) 20

W. Chain H.W. Close
R. Voke N. Whelton
J. Oron C. Gough
(Skip) 10 (Skip) 17

W. Baker S. Rodden
R. Rosslet E. Meadow
J. Tang A. Mudar
C.S. Rossetti J. Hempsey
(Skip) 10 (Skip) 25

Total 68 80

SWEETS FOR
BRITAIN

London, July 21. Mrs. Dorothy Dalton, of the United States Gymnastics Olympic team, due at Southampton today, is bringing 200 pounds of sweets for British war orphans.—Reuter.

BOWLS TEAMS

The following will represent Kowloon Bowling Green Club against Northumberland & Durham Society on Sunday, at 4 p.m.

W.H. Bailey, H.A. Lammet, E.A. Atkins and L.R. Wham (Skip).

J.G. Robertson, T.F.H. Robinson, E.F. Pope and J. McKelevy (Skip).

R.P. Phillips, T. Wren, L.G. Coombes and L. Sykes (Skip).

The following are the Kowloon Bowling Green Club bowl tennis teams for tomorrow.

1st team v Craigengower Cricket Club (Home):—

L.R. Whait, C. Dowman, A.J. Hall and J. Fraser (Skip).

J. Gellatly, A.L.G. Eastman, W.C. Simpson and J. McKelevy (Skip).

E. F. Pope, E. Greenwood, L. G. Coombes and L. Sykes (Skip).

2nd team v Craigengower Cricket Club (Away):—

R.J. Wiggin, H.A. Lammet, E.A. Atkins and G.E.F. Thompson (Skip).

R.B. Phillips, M.L. Hardie, J. Hempsay and L. Guy (Skip).

W.H. Bailey, K.C. Hamilton, V.C. Dixon and S.H. Strange (Skip).

Reserve:—J.S. Dinnen.

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H.K. E. F. C.

Vs. H.K.F.C. at Happy Valley at 4 p.m.:—G.W.K. Crawford, J. H. Collins, J. F. Lunn and J. R. Bottomley (skip); E. Poulsom, R.G. Butler (skip); J.O. Stokes, J.K. Mundy, A.G. Gardner and V. Bonch (skip).

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C. C. C.

1st Division versus Kowloon Bowling Green Club (away):—

J.W. Leonard, L.C.R. Souza, A.E. Coates and B.W. Bradbury (skip); J.M. Omar, W. Hong Sling, A.M. Omar and J.S. Landolt (skip); A.A. Razack, M.A. G. Gardner and V. Bonch (skip).

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